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FOR DR. JAMES FRITH, FSI FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ENROLLMENT OF NICOLAE CHIACU IN BRASOV SEMINAR

1. I KNOW YOU WILL REMEMBER OUR CORRESPONDENCE DURING MY PREVIOUS TOUR IN BUCHAREST REGARDING MR. CHIACU'S TAKING PART IN WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE SINAIA SEMINAR ON ROMANIAN STUDIES. YOU WERE MOST HELPFUL IN ARRANGING FOR HIS TRIP TO BE PAID BY FSI. I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT THE IDEA DURING MY PRESENT TOUR. I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT CLASS BRIEFLY DURING MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S TRIP LAST MONTH AND, OF COURSE, I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON WITH COURSE ALUMNI EVER SINCE I RETURNED TO THE STATES FROM MY FIRST TOUR IN MID 1971. I THINK THE INTERVAL IS ABOUT RIGHT FOR A NEW IMMERSION BY MR. CHIACU IN THE SUMMER COURSE. INCIDENTALLY, IT IS NOW HELD IN BRASOV AND PROVIDES COURSES AND COLLOQUIA ON THE ROMANIAN LANGUAGE AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ROMANIAN CIVILIZATION.

2. I HAVE NOT SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO MR. CHIACU, THE IDEA HAVING RESULTED FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF HERE AFTER MY RETURN. THIS YEAR'S COURSE IS HELD FROM JULY 23 TO AUGUST 18 WHICH I REALIZE WOULD MEAN HIS DEPARTURE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE PRESENT FSI CLASS ENDS. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW CLASS, WE WILL HAVE REACHED THE GOAL OF ALL LANGUAGE-DESIGNATED POSITIONS BEING FILLED WITH ROMANIAN-SPEAKING OFFICERS. I THINK THIS IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD TIME FOR MR. CHIACU TO RETURN FOR A REFRESHER. SORRY FOR SUCH SHORT NOTICE BUT I HOPE YOU CAN GIVE YOUR APPROVAL

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NOW AS YOU DID FIVE YEARS AGO. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY

CABLE RESPONSE SINCE WE NEED TO ALERT THE ORGANIZERS OF THE COURSE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF MR. CHIACU IS TO BE A PARTICIPANT.
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